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SUBJECT: AMENDED 2001 CHILD CARE SURVEY – DETERMINATION OF 2002

**MAXIMUM RATES** 

**CROSS REFERENCE:** Operations Memo 01-38

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

#### **PURPOSE**

This memo amends instructions given in Operations Memo (OM) 01-38 for the 2001 Child Care Survey.

## **BACKGROUND**

The original OM 01-38 issued in July is modified. To more closely reflect the actual child care market, the providers' current prices (at the time of this survey) will be collected and used in calculating the maximum reimbursement rate and final authorization amount. It had originally been stated that four age categories would be used in calculating an authorization amount (under-age-2, 2, 3 through 5, and 6-and-older).

Effective October 22, 2001, all age categories and related prices offered by a provider will be used in calculating the final authorization amount. Copies of the new survey for Licensed Family and Licensed Group Day Care have already been sent to each child care coordinator via email. Please contact OCC at 608-261-4580 if you have not received the new surveys.

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#### ANNUAL CHILD CARE RATES SURVEY:

The X'd out section of the Survey (below) will no longer need to be completed by county/tribal agencies. You will be able to determine the maximum rates for your survey in the same manner as years past. Follow the instructions in Ops Memo 01-38.

Age group	Full-time weekly fee	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Provider rate for CCRP	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Provider rate for survey
Under 1 years			
1 year old			
2 years old			
3 years old			
4 years old			
5 years old			

In addition, the age categories are no longer standardized. Use what the provider reports as age categories and rates on the rate sheet they submit as age categories in CCPS. CCPS is being modified to reflect these changes.

Continue to use the highest rate for age groups 0-2 and 2-12 when completing the survey.

### CCPS PROGRAMMING CHANGE

CCPS enhancements, planned for October, will include changes in the functionality of entering providers' rates. CCRP, the providers' rates screen, and CCAS, the Ages Served screen, will be combined into one new screen CCRA, rates and ages served. This new screen will allow entry of rates based on all age groups established by the provider.

CCRP and CCAS will remain as inquiry only history screens. The collection and use of provider prices for **all** age groups will result in authorization amounts that more closely reflect the provider's actual prices. All rates established by the provider will be entered into the payment system.

An OM with detailed information regarding these changes, along with instructions on completing CCRA will be sent this fall.

The Reimbursement Rate Determination and Child Day Care Rates Approval Request sections of OM 01-38 have not changed.

#### **SURVEY TIMELINES**

Survey Period	August 1 through September 30, 2001	
Survey Returned to Office of Child Care	October 12, 2001	
Approval of Maximum Rates	December 7, 2001	
Entry of Providers Rates	October 22 to December 28, 2001	
Mass Change (tentative)	December 29 & 30, 2001	

You can begin to enter current provider rates for all age categories on October 22, 2001.

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